



W. L. Martin

Senior Advisor to the Director

Indian Health Service

W. L. "Buck" Martin, a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians from Wisconsin, accepted the political appointment by the Secretary of Health and Human Service (HHS) to serve as the Senior Advisor to the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) in August 2001. The IHS, an agency of the HHS, is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 560 federally recognized tribes in 35 states.

As Senior Advisor to the Director, Mr. Martin's primary responsibilities are to provide counsel to the Agency on complex issues and administering special assignments that reflect the priorities, policies, interests, and initiatives of the Agency and the Department. He will also advise the agency in the continuing development and expansion of efforts by the IHS, tribes, and urban Indian organizations to meet the health needs of the Indian population through collaborations with states and other federal agencies.

Before joining the IHS, Mr. Martin operated a consulting business and provided services to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and other business corporations in the state of Wisconsin. He has extensive experience in day-to-day business operations, policy and planning development, and the administration of national conference activities. He has served as policy advisor to the Governor of Wisconsin, and at the request of the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Mr. Martin undertook a special statewide recruitment project to hire women and other minorities into law enforcement cadet positions.

Mr. Martin's effectiveness as an advocate for Indian people and programs is enhanced through his intergovernmental experience at the tribal, state, and federal levels as well as his experience in the fields of education and business. As Policy Advisor in the Wisconsin Governor's Office, he served as liaison with the Midwest Governor's Association, the Council of Great Lakes Governors, the Great Lakes Commission and Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. His civic involvement includes serving on numerous federal state and local education commissions, including the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, the University of Wisconsin-Madison American Indian Alumni Scholarship Advisory Committee, and the Madison Metropolitan School District Superintendent's Advisory Group on Equity, Diversity, and Advocacy for Human and Community Relations. Additionally, he served as a member of the Wisconsin State Equal Rights Council and was elected to the Board of Trustees to Northland College, a liberal arts and environmental studies private college in northern Wisconsin.

Mr. Martin has previous federal experience, having served as Director, White House Conference on Indian Education and as Director of the Office of Construction Management, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Office of Construction Management was responsible for the building and maintaining of Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools throughout the nation.

Mr. Martin is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh where he earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education.